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INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL  
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CITY AND COUNTY  
OF THE CITY OF CHESTER

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*Medical Inspection*

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*of School Children*

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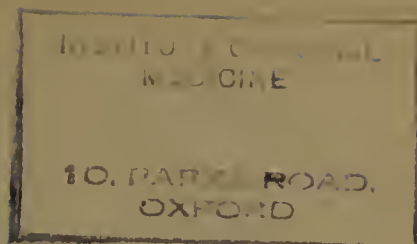
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1948.

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J. W. LOBBAN, M.A., M.D., D.P.H.,  
*School Medical Officer.*





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### **Staff of School Medical Department :**

School Medical Officer ..... J. W. Lobban, M.A., M.D., D.P.H.

Deputy School Medical Officer .. G. C. Taylor, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

succeeded by

R. M. Ross, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

1st October, 1948.

Assistant School Medical Officer Ivy F. Fallon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

School Dental Surgeon ..... N. A. James, L.D.S., R.C.S., (Eng.)

Assistant School Dental Surgeon G. W. Walsh, L.D.S.

Speech Therapist ..... Miss I. Hastings, L.C.S.T.

School Nurses ..... Miss M. H. Beattie (Superintendent).

(Also Health Visitors) Mrs. A. E. Austen (resigned 31.8.48).

Miss Z. K. Wilkins.

Mrs. M. T. Slater.

Miss M. E. G. Crawford.

Miss Mabel Middleton.

Miss M. W. Wright.

Miss M. A. Cowley (resigned 30.4.48).

Miss J. M. Jewell, (Commenced duties 1.7.48).

Miss T. M. Durcan (Commenced duties 4.10.48).

Clinic Nurse ..... Miss A. J. Chesters (Commenced duties 1.7.48).

Clerks ..... R. W. Hudson.

W. J. O. Lewis.

Miss E. Clarke.

Clinic Clerk ..... Miss M. Ruscoe.

Dental Attendants ..... Miss L. Hudson.

Mrs. F. Owens.

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Education Committee.*

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my report upon the School Medical Service in 1948.

It is too early to assess the effect of the National Health Service Act, 1946, which came into operation on 5th July. There is no doubt that the provision of this National Health Service Act will have some repercussions on the School Medical Service as we have known it in the past.

During the year there were several staff changes. Dr. Taylor, Deputy School Medical Officer was succeeded by Dr. R. M. Ross. Mrs. Austen, who had been a valued member of the staff for many years retired on superannuation. Miss Cowley resigned on obtaining another appointment. Miss Jewell and Miss Durcan joined the staff.

A fresh appointment, that of Clinic Nurse, was made during the year, in order to free Health Visitors and School Nurses from the routine work of the Clinics. This appointment was filled by Miss A. J. Chesters.

The School Medical and Dental Staff continue to have your interest and encouragement in their work.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. LOBBAN,

School Medical Officer.

## STAFF AND ORGANISATION

The School Medical Officer's duties are chiefly with administration and the co-ordination of the work with that of the Health Department. The Deputy School Medical Officer carries out routine and other inspections in the Schools, conducts the daily inspection clinic, supervises the work of the treatment clinic, examines the boys in the City Grammar School and the King's School, immunises children against diphtheria and examines handicapped children.

The Assistant School Medical Officer examines the girls in the City High School, Queen's School and Convent School, assists in the work of the inspection clinic, examines the older girls in the Schools, examines the handicapped children and assists in the immunisation against diphtheria.

The nurses, who are each assigned a district in the City, assist at all examinations in the Schools and at the inspection clinic, and follow up all defects found, to ensure the necessary treatment has been received.

There are 26 schools with 34 departments in the City.

The average attendance of school children in 1948 was 90.6.

## GENERAL

The position with regard to clinic accommodation remains stationary. A suggested scheme for the transfer of the school clinic to a more modern building was not approved by the City Council.

A daily clinic at the Lache Council School has continued to function during the year.

It is difficult to say what effect the new Health Act will have on the school clinics but I anticipate that some of the work of the school medical staff at minor ailment clinics will be done by the family doctor. I shall be in a better position following a full year's working to give a complete picture.

Accommodation for handicapped children is still very inadequate. It is discouraging to staff and parents to examine children and recommend suitable accommodation knowing that it is quite impossible to obtain places in special schools.

I am happy to state that the school medical and dental staffs continue to receive the wholehearted support and co-operation of Head Teachers and their staffs.

## EDUCATION ACT, 1944

The medical arrangements under this Act have continued to work smoothly. The change-over of Hospitals on July 5th did not affect our schemes for the treatment of school children. Special Aural and Ophthalmic Clinics continued as such and the Regional Board accepted financial responsibility as the Clinics are held in hospital premises.

### Co-ordination.

The School Nurses act as Health Visitors and the School Medical Staff is also the Medical Staff of the Health Department.

Co-ordination of work is accordingly complete. Many of the school children have been known since infancy by Medical and Nursing staff.

### School Hygiene.

Much requires to be done in the older schools to bring them to a satisfactory state. It is fully appreciated that the supply of materials and building position make satisfactory progress difficult.

It is encouraging that canteens for schools are being built.

It is exceedingly difficult to encourage children to wash their hands before and after meals on account of the lack of a suitable number of wash-hand basins and hot water in so many schools. It is hoped that this position can be remedied at an early date.

### Provision of Meals and Milk.

I am indebted to the Director of Education for the following information which relates to a day in October, 1948.

| Primary Schools.   |               | Dinners. | Milk. |
|--------------------|---------------|----------|-------|
| (1)                | Free .....    | 83       | 3780  |
| (2)                | Payment ..... | 1453     | —     |
|                    |               | <hr/>    | <hr/> |
|                    |               | 1536     | 3780  |
|                    |               | <hr/>    | <hr/> |
| Secondary Schools. |               |          |       |
| (1)                | Free .....    | 88       | 1803  |
| (2)                | Payment ..... | 1396     | —     |
|                    |               | <hr/>    | <hr/> |
|                    |               | 1484     | 1803  |
|                    |               | <hr/>    | <hr/> |
| Nursery Schools.   |               | Teas.    |       |
| (1)                | Free .....    | —        | 98    |
| (2)                | Payment ..... | 60       | —     |
|                    |               | <hr/>    | <hr/> |
|                    |               | 60       | 98    |

### Heart Conditions.

Following the appointment of Dr. G. A. Kiloh as Visiting Consultant Physician, Chester Royal Infirmary, early in the year, a distinct advance has been made in the diagnosis and treatment of school children suffering from heart disease.

Early in the Autumn a special clinic at the City Hospital was established under Dr. Kiloh for school children. This service has been of great value to parents, general practitioners and the School Medical Staff. There is now available an accurate estimate of the condition

of the heart and advice as to the day to day handling of each case. The outlook for the child on leaving school and the type of employment to be followed are also given.

During the year 24 children have been examined.

Two children suffering from congenital heart disease (Patent Ductus Arteriosus) were seen and operative treatment recommended. This has been carried out in London and the results have been most gratifying. These two cases, hitherto restricted in their activity, can now lead a normal life.

### **Cleanliness.**

There is a further slight reduction in the number of children found verminous, 454 as compared with 464 in 1947.

Arrangements are made so that children can be cleansed at the School Clinic if necessary.

The present housing difficulties of many families with the lack of suitable facilities no doubt influence the number of children found verminous.

### **Skin Conditions.**

There is an all-round increase in the number of skin conditions found—868 compared with 655 in 1947.

The increase is most marked in the miscellaneous group, 703 compared with 536 in 1947.

Scabies has shown an increase from 28 in 1947 to 41 in 1948, and cases of Impetigo have increased from 91 in 1947 to 123 in 1948.

The difficulties experienced by mothers in the present housing conditions allied with soap rationing probably have an adverse effect and increase the numbers of skin conditions found.

### **Vision.**

The special clinic for school children suffering from defective vision has continued.

298 refractions were done and spectacles prescribed in 232 cases.

The orthoptic treatment for squint continues to be of great benefit to the children.

### **Ear, Nose and Throat Conditions.**

The weekly aural clinic for school children has continued during the year.

224 children received operative treatment for chronic Tonsillitis and Adenoids at the City Hospital as in-patients.

134 children received other forms of treatment.

The arrangements for home visiting of cases for Tonsillectomy have continued as stated in last year's report.

### **Immunisation against Diphtheria.**

During the year 876 children were immunised and 609 had re-inoculations.

It is estimated that the percentage of school children immunised is just over 90.

### **Speech Therapy.**

This service has continued during the year and an increasing demand has been noticed. It is becoming evident that two days per week is scarcely sufficient for the number of children requiring treatment.

|                                                              |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Number of appointments arranged .....                        | 1882 |
| Number of attendances for treatment .....                    | 1404 |
| Number of new patients seen .....                            | 59   |
| Number of patients who have completed treatment .....        | 14   |
| Number of patients not attending or refusing treatment ..... | 17   |
| Number awaiting treatment .....                              | 27   |

### **Employment of School Children.**

87 Children were examined during the year for employment badges.

Number of badges issued during year—65.

### **Following up Arrangements.**

All cases of defect are followed up both at school and in the home and an endeavour made to convince the parent in untreated cases of the necessity for the appropriate treatment.

### **Infectious Diseases.**

An epidemic of Measles occurred during the year and 151 cases in school children were notified.

Whooping cough was also prevalent, 43 cases in school children were notified.

One case of Cerebrospinal fever was notified during the year.

There were no cases of Diphtheria.

### **Co-operation of Parents.**

The number of parents present at the routine examination was 1,173, representing 52 per cent. of the children examined in the various age groups.

This is a welcome increase from 1947, when only 43 per cent. of parents attended.

1948.

**DENTAL REPORT**

| School                        | Number<br>inspected. | Number<br>selected for<br>treatment. | Number<br>accepting<br>treatment. | Percentage<br>accepting<br>treatment. |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Love Street Boys .....        | 264                  | 183                                  | 152                               | 83.06                                 |
| Egerton Street Infants .....  | 115                  | 54                                   | 45                                | 83.33                                 |
| Lache .....                   | 556                  | 218                                  | 188                               | 86.23                                 |
| Handbridge Girls .....        | 123                  | 97                                   | 78                                | 80.4                                  |
| Handbridge Boys .....         | 134                  | 108                                  | 84                                | 77.77                                 |
| Blacon Council School .....   | 186                  | 123                                  | 109                               | 88.61                                 |
| Handbridge Infants .....      | 117                  | 64                                   | 50                                | 78.125                                |
| St. Thomas', Girls & Infants  | 262                  | 137                                  | 104                               | 75.91                                 |
| St. Paul's Junior School .... | 162                  | 102                                  | 78                                | 76.47                                 |
| Victoria Road Junior School   | 433                  | 278                                  | 231                               | 82.09                                 |
| Totals ...                    | 2352                 | 1364                                 | 1119                              | 82%                                   |

Number actually treated ..... 1905

Number of attendances for treatment ..... 3927

Specials ..... 682

23 half-days devoted to School Inspections.

737 half-days devoted to Treatments.

The interval between dental inspections, although reduced to two years, is still too long. Fortunately any bad effects from this delay appear to be offset by the beneficial effects of the austerity diet, particularly in its reduction of the intake of sugar and biscuits between meals and at bedtime. This is borne out by the comparatively few children of the Primary Schools needing conservation treatment in comparison with children in Secondary Schools. The majority of Secondary School children examined have multiple carious cavities. Enquiry elicits a possible explanation of the above anomaly in the fact that homework encourages later bedtimes, with later meals or night drinks of the usual milky sticky beverage type. In consequence one finds clogging of the teeth at the time when they should be in their cleanest condition, that is, during sleep.

No doubt the lifting of the sweet rationing will begin to level off the contrast between the state of the teeth of the Primary and Secondary School children. Certainly the shocking practice, witnessed in one school, of supplying rusks dipped in sugar and Ovaltine to be eaten with the school milk at mid-morning, cannot fail to produce the crop of carious cavities in the mouths of these young children. This practice will ensure the return of the dreadful dental conditions of pre-war days.

Truly the way of the Dental Hygienist is hard.

Despite the opportunity of obtaining free treatment privately, the acceptance rate remains high and many who seek private treatment are forced to return to the clinic, being unable to get an appointment elsewhere.

The active co-operation of the School Staffs in facilitating the dental inspections is very much appreciated. Such enthusiasm is reflected in the acceptance rate, which can be said to be in direct ratio to the interest shown by the staff.

| Treatment.                                                               | Permanent.<br>Teeth. | Temporary.<br>Teeth. | Total. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------|
| Extractions .....                                                        | 887                  | 2642                 | 3529   |
| Fillings .....                                                           | 1549                 | 142                  | 1691   |
| Other Operations .....                                                   | 1609                 | 37                   | 1646   |
| Comprising scalings, gum<br>treatment, dressings, frenec-<br>tomy, etc.— |                      |                      |        |
| X-Rays ... ..                                                            | 10                   |                      |        |
| Dentures .....                                                           | 5                    |                      |        |
| Orthodontic Appliances                                                   | 1                    |                      |        |
| Anaesthetics N2.o .....                                                  | 1383                 |                      |        |
| Anaesthetics Local . ....                                                | 12                   |                      |        |

The lack of workshop facilities with the services of a Dental Mechanic prevents the expansion of the Orthodontic scheme so as to deal with all the cases needing this treatment.

## SUMMARY OF PUPILS EXAMINED DURING THE YEAR 1948

| School.                          | Department.      | Medical Inspections, 1948 |          |           | Total. |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|
|                                  |                  | Periodic.                 | Special. | Revision. |        |
| Boughton St. Paul's C. of E.     | Boys.            | 19                        | —        | 11        | 30     |
|                                  | Girls & Infants. | 47                        | 2        | 91        | 140    |
| Victoria Road Council.           | Boys.            | 58                        | —        | 73        | 131    |
|                                  | Girls & Infants. | 32                        | 2        | 107       | 141    |
| Cherry Grove Council.            | Boys.            | 66                        | —        | 64        | 130    |
|                                  | Girls.           | 53                        | 5        | 65        | 123    |
|                                  | Infants.         | 78                        | 2        | 37        | 117    |
| Christ Church C. of E.           | Girls.           | 19                        | —        | 54        | 73     |
|                                  | Infants.         | 28                        | —        | 20        | 48     |
| Egerton Street C. of E.          | Infants.         | 45                        | —        | 29        | 74     |
| George Street Council.           | Boys.            | 21                        | —        | 44        | 65     |
| Handbridge St. Marys C. of E.    | Boys.            | 47                        | —        | 42        | 89     |
|                                  | Girls.           | 43                        | 6        | 58        | 107    |
|                                  | Infants.         | 46                        | —        | 45        | 91     |
| St. Francis' R.C.                | Girls & Infants. | 25                        | 4        | 25        | 54     |
| St. Werburgh's R.C.              | Boys.            | 50                        | —        | 59        | 109    |
|                                  | Girls.           | 48                        | —        | 70        | 118    |
|                                  | Junior.          | 10                        | —        | 17        | 27     |
| Grosvenor St. John's C. of E.    | Boys.            | 49                        | —        | 20        | 69     |
|                                  | Girls.           | 355                       | —        | 83        | 118    |
|                                  | Infants.         | 33                        | —        | 19        | 52     |
| St. Mary's C. of E.              | Junior.          | 39                        | 3        | 35        | 77     |
| St. Thomas's C. of E.            | Girls & Infants. | 97                        | 7        | 85        | 189    |
| Lache.                           | Junior.          | 184                       | 1        | 261       | 446    |
| Newton.                          | Junior.          | 101                       | 2        | 145       | 148    |
| Blacon.                          | Junior.          | 37                        | 1        | 145       | 183    |
| <b>Modern Secondary Schools.</b> |                  |                           |          |           |        |
| Love Street Council.             | Boys.            | 82                        | —        | 48        | 130    |
|                                  | Girls.           | 97                        | —        | 73        | 170    |
| Hunter Street.                   | Girls.           | 89                        | —        | 61        | 150    |
| College C. of E.                 | Boys.            | 108                       | —        | 50        | 158    |
| <b>Nursery Schools.</b>          |                  |                           |          |           |        |
| Hilary Haworth.                  | Nursery.         | 24                        | —        | 20        | 44     |
| Boughton.                        | Nursery.         | 31                        | —        | 23        | 54     |
| Bowling Green.                   | Nursery.         | 27                        | 1        | 47        | 75     |
| <b>Others.</b>                   |                  |                           |          |           |        |
| City Grammar.                    | Boys.            | 137                       | 1        | 59        | 197    |
| City High.                       | Girls.           | 85                        | —        | 119       | 204    |
| King's.                          | Boys.            | 45                        | —        | 40        | 85     |
| Queen's.                         | Girls.           | 77                        | 2        | 50        | 129    |
| Convent.                         | Girls.           | 42                        | —        | 42        | 84     |

## CITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## Numbers Examined.

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Periodic .....       | 137 |
| Specials .....       | 1   |
| Re-inspections ..... | 59  |

## General Condition.

| A.           | B.          | C.        |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| Good.        | Fair.       | Poor.     |
| 108(78.83%). | 28(20.44%). | 1(0.73%). |

## Defects.

| Defect or Disease.                                                                      | Periodic Inspections. |                                                            | Special Inspections. |                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                         | No. of Defects.       |                                                            | No. of Defects.      |                                                              |
|                                                                                         | Requiring treatment.  | Requiring to be kept under obs but not requiring treatment | Requiring treatment. | Requiring to be kept under obs. but not requiring treatment. |
| Skin:—                                                                                  |                       |                                                            |                      |                                                              |
| Other .....                                                                             | 5                     | 1                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Eyes:—                                                                                  |                       |                                                            |                      |                                                              |
| Vision .....                                                                            | 11                    | 2                                                          | 1                    | —                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | 9                     | —                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Ears .....                                                                              | —                     | —                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Nose and Throat .....                                                                   | —                     | —                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Cervical Glands .....                                                                   | —                     | —                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Heart and Circulation .....                                                             | —                     | —                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Developmental:—                                                                         |                       |                                                            |                      |                                                              |
| Hernia .....                                                                            | —                     | —                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | —                     | 3                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Orthopaedic:—                                                                           |                       |                                                            |                      |                                                              |
| Posture .....                                                                           | 13                    | —                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Flat foot .....                                                                         | 3                     | 1                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | 2                     | 1                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Nervous System .....                                                                    | —                     | —                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Psychological .....                                                                     | —                     | 1                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for defective vision excluding squint ..... |                       |                                                            |                      | 11                                                           |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for all other conditions .....              |                       |                                                            |                      | 32                                                           |
| Total number of individual Pupils requiring treatment .....                             |                       |                                                            |                      | 46                                                           |

## CITY HIGH SCHOOL

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Periodic Examinations ..... | 85  |
| Specials .....              | —   |
| Re-inspections .....        | 119 |

## General Conditions.

| A.<br><b>Good.</b><br>1 (1.17%).                                                        | B.<br><b>Fair.</b><br>84 (98.83%). | C.<br><b>Poor.</b><br>Nil.                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Defects.                                                                                |                                    |                                                              |
| Defect or Disease.                                                                      |                                    |                                                              |
| Periodic Inspection                                                                     |                                    |                                                              |
| No. of defects.                                                                         |                                    |                                                              |
|                                                                                         | Requiring treatment                | Requiring to be kept under obs. but not requiring treatment. |
| Skin:—                                                                                  |                                    |                                                              |
| Other .....                                                                             | 5                                  | —                                                            |
| Eyes:—                                                                                  |                                    |                                                              |
| Vision .....                                                                            | 18                                 | —                                                            |
| Squint .....                                                                            | 2                                  | —                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | 4                                  | —                                                            |
| Ears:—                                                                                  |                                    |                                                              |
| Hearing .....                                                                           | —                                  | —                                                            |
| Otitis Media .....                                                                      | —                                  | —                                                            |
| Nose and Throat:—                                                                       |                                    |                                                              |
| Tonsils .....                                                                           | —                                  | 4                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | 5                                  | —                                                            |
| Heart and Circulation .....                                                             | 2                                  | —                                                            |
| Developmental:—                                                                         |                                    |                                                              |
| Hernia .....                                                                            | 1                                  | —                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | 2                                  | —                                                            |
| Orthopaedic.—                                                                           |                                    |                                                              |
| Posture .....                                                                           | 6                                  | —                                                            |
| Flat foot .....                                                                         | 8                                  | —                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | —                                  | —                                                            |
| Nervous System:—                                                                        |                                    |                                                              |
| Other .....                                                                             | —                                  | —                                                            |
| Other defects .....                                                                     | 11                                 | —                                                            |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for defective vision excluding squint ..... |                                    | 18                                                           |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for all other conditions .....              |                                    | 44                                                           |
| Total number of individual Pupils requiring treatment .....                             |                                    | 48                                                           |

## KING'S SCHOOL

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Periodic Inspection ..... | 45 |
| Special Inspections ..... | —  |
| Re-inspections .....      | 40 |

## General Condition.

| A.         | B.          | C.        |
|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Good.      | Fair.       | Poor.     |
| 5(11.11%). | 38(84.44%). | 2(4.44%). |

## Defects.

| Defect or Disease.                                                                      | Periodic Insp.      |                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                         | No. of defects.     |                                                             |
|                                                                                         | Requiring treatment | Requiring to be kept under obs. but not requiring treatment |
| Eyes:—                                                                                  |                     |                                                             |
| Vision .....                                                                            | 1                   | 1                                                           |
| Other .....                                                                             | —                   | 1                                                           |
| Nose and Throat:—                                                                       |                     |                                                             |
| Tonsils .....                                                                           | 1                   | 3                                                           |
| Adenoids .....                                                                          | —                   | —                                                           |
| Other .....                                                                             | —                   | —                                                           |
| Speech .....                                                                            | 1                   | —                                                           |
| Cervical Glands .....                                                                   | 2                   | —                                                           |
| Lungs .....                                                                             | 1                   | 1                                                           |
| Developmental—:                                                                         |                     |                                                             |
| Hernia .....                                                                            | —                   | —                                                           |
| Other .....                                                                             | 1                   | —                                                           |
| Orthopaedic:—                                                                           |                     |                                                             |
| Posture .....                                                                           | 6                   | 4                                                           |
| Other .....                                                                             | 1                   | —                                                           |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for defective vision excluding squint ..... |                     | 1                                                           |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for all other conditions .....              |                     | 11                                                          |
| Total number of individual Pupils requiring treatment .....                             |                     | 12                                                          |

## QUEEN'S SCHOOL

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Periodic Inspections ..... | 77 |
| Special Inspections .....  | 2  |
| Re-inspections .....       | 50 |

### General Condition.

|                                   |                                 |                            |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| A.<br><b>Good.</b><br>75(97.41%). | B.<br><b>Fair.</b><br>2(2.59%). | C.<br><b>Poor.</b><br>Nil. |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|

### Defects.

| Defect or Disease.                                                                      | Periodic Insp.      |                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                         | No. of defects.     |                                                             |
|                                                                                         | Requiring treatment | Requiring to be kept under obs. but not requiring treatment |
| Skin:—                                                                                  |                     |                                                             |
| Other .....                                                                             | 9                   | —                                                           |
| Eyes:—                                                                                  |                     |                                                             |
| Vision .....                                                                            | 17                  | —                                                           |
| Squint .....                                                                            | —                   | —                                                           |
| Other .....                                                                             | 2                   | —                                                           |
| Ears:—                                                                                  |                     |                                                             |
| Hearing .....                                                                           | 1                   | —                                                           |
| Nose and Throat:—                                                                       |                     |                                                             |
| Tonsils .....                                                                           | 2                   | —                                                           |
| Cervical Glands .....                                                                   | 1                   | —                                                           |
| Heart and Circulation .....                                                             | —                   | 3                                                           |
| Lungs .....                                                                             | 2                   | —                                                           |
| Orthopaedic:—                                                                           |                     |                                                             |
| Posture .....                                                                           | 9                   | —                                                           |
| Flat foot .....                                                                         | 10                  | —                                                           |
| Other .....                                                                             | 4                   | —                                                           |
| Nervous System:—                                                                        |                     |                                                             |
| Other .....                                                                             | 3                   | —                                                           |
| Other defects .....                                                                     | 8                   | —                                                           |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment at special inspections                      |                     | 2                                                           |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for defective vision excluding squint ..... |                     | 17                                                          |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for all other conditions                    |                     | 32                                                          |
| Total number of individual Pupils requiring treatment .....                             |                     | 49                                                          |

## DEE HOUSE URSULINE CONVENT SCHOOL

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Periodic Inspections ..... | 42 |
| Special Inspections .....  | —  |
| Re-inspections .....       | 42 |

## General Condition.

|              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| A            | B            | C            |
| <b>Good.</b> | <b>Fair.</b> | <b>Poor.</b> |
| 40(95.23%).  | 2(4.76%).    | Nil.         |

## Defects.

| Defect or Disease.                                                                      | Periodic Insp.       |                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                         | No. of defects.      |                                                             |
|                                                                                         | Requiring treatment. | Requiring to be kept under obs. but not requiring treatment |
| Skin :—                                                                                 |                      |                                                             |
| Impetigo .....                                                                          | 1                    | —                                                           |
| Other .....                                                                             | 1                    | —                                                           |
| Eyes :—                                                                                 |                      |                                                             |
| Vision .....                                                                            | 6                    | —                                                           |
| Squint .....                                                                            | 2                    | —                                                           |
| Other .....                                                                             | 2                    | —                                                           |
| Speech .....                                                                            | 2                    | —                                                           |
| Cervical Glands .....                                                                   | 1                    | —                                                           |
| Orthopaedic :—                                                                          |                      |                                                             |
| Posture .....                                                                           | 1                    | —                                                           |
| Flat foot .....                                                                         | 8                    | —                                                           |
| Other .....                                                                             | —                    | —                                                           |
| Other defects .....                                                                     | 10                   | —                                                           |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for defective vision excluding squint ..... |                      | 6                                                           |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for all other conditions .....              |                      | 20                                                          |
| Total number of individual Pupils requiring treatment .....                             |                      | 26                                                          |

# LOVE STREET SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOL (GIRLS)

## Number examined :—

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Periodic Inspections ..... | 97 |
| Special Inspections .....  | —  |
| Re-inspections .....       | 73 |

## General Condition.

| A.           | B.         | C.    |
|--------------|------------|-------|
| Good.        | Fair.      | Poor. |
| 88(90.72 %). | 9(9.28 %). | Nil.  |

## Defects.

| Defect or Disease.                                                                      | Periodic Insp.       |                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                         | No. of defects.      |                                                              |
|                                                                                         | Requiring treatment. | Requiring to be kept under obs. but not requiring treatment. |
| Skin :—                                                                                 |                      |                                                              |
| Other .....                                                                             | 2                    | —                                                            |
| Eyes :—                                                                                 |                      |                                                              |
| Vision .....                                                                            | 12                   | 5                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | 3                    | —                                                            |
| Nose & Throat :—                                                                        |                      |                                                              |
| Tonsils .....                                                                           | 3                    | —                                                            |
| Adenoids .....                                                                          | 1                    | —                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | 3                    | —                                                            |
| Speech .....                                                                            | 1                    | —                                                            |
| Heart & Circulation .....                                                               | 1                    | —                                                            |
| Lungs .....                                                                             | 3                    | —                                                            |
| Orthopaedic :—                                                                          |                      |                                                              |
| Posture .....                                                                           | 2                    | —                                                            |
| Flat foot .....                                                                         | 4                    | —                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | 2                    | —                                                            |
| Other defects .....                                                                     | 5                    | —                                                            |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for defective vision excluding squint ..... |                      | 12                                                           |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for all other conditions .....              |                      | 30                                                           |
| Total number of individual Pupils requiring treatment .....                             |                      | 37                                                           |

**LOVE STREET SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOL (BOYS)****Number examined :—**

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Periodic Inspections ..... | 82 |
| Special Inspections .....  | —  |
| Re-inspections .....       | 48 |

**General Condition.**

|              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| A.           | B.           | C.           |
| <b>Good.</b> | <b>Fair.</b> | <b>Poor.</b> |
| 17(20.73%).  | 63(76.82%).  | 2(2.44%).    |

**Defects.**

| Defect or Disease.                                                                      | Periodic Insp.       |                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                         | No. of defects.      |                                                              |
|                                                                                         | Requiring treatment. | Requiring to be kept under obs. but not requiring treatment. |
| Skin :—                                                                                 |                      |                                                              |
| Other .....                                                                             | —                    | 1                                                            |
| Eyes :—                                                                                 |                      |                                                              |
| Visio .....                                                                             | 11                   | 1                                                            |
| Squint .....                                                                            | 1                    | —                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | —                    | 3                                                            |
| Nose & Throat :—                                                                        |                      |                                                              |
| Tonsils .....                                                                           | 1                    | 6                                                            |
| Speech .....                                                                            | 1                    | 2                                                            |
| Developmental :—                                                                        |                      |                                                              |
| Hernia .....                                                                            | —                    | —                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | —                    | 1                                                            |
| Orthopaedic :—                                                                          |                      |                                                              |
| Posture .....                                                                           | 2                    | 3                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | 3                    | 2                                                            |
| Psychological .....                                                                     | —                    | 2                                                            |
| Other defects .....                                                                     | —                    | —                                                            |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for defective vision excluding squint ..... |                      | 11                                                           |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for all other conditions .....              |                      | 8                                                            |
| Total number of individual Pupils requiring treatment .....                             |                      | 18                                                           |

## HUNTER STREET SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOL

### Number examined:—

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Periodic Inspections ..... | 89 |
| Special Inspections .....  | —  |
| Re-inspections .....       | 61 |

### General Condition.

| A.<br>Good. | B.<br>Fair. | C.<br>Poor. |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 77(86.52%). | 12(13.48%). | Nil.        |

### Defects.

| Defect or Disease                                                                          | Periodic Insp.<br>No. of defects. |                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                            | Requiring<br>treatment.           | Requiring<br>to be kept<br>under obs.<br>but not<br>requiring<br>treatment |
| Skin :—                                                                                    |                                   |                                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                                | 3                                 | —                                                                          |
| Eyes :—                                                                                    |                                   |                                                                            |
| Vision .....                                                                               | 10                                | —                                                                          |
| Squint .....                                                                               | 1                                 | —                                                                          |
| Other .....                                                                                | 4                                 | —                                                                          |
| Nose & Throat :—                                                                           |                                   |                                                                            |
| Tonsils .....                                                                              | 4                                 | —                                                                          |
| Adenoids .....                                                                             | —                                 | —                                                                          |
| Other .....                                                                                | 1                                 | —                                                                          |
| Orthopaedic :—                                                                             |                                   |                                                                            |
| Posture .....                                                                              | 4                                 | —                                                                          |
| Flat foot .....                                                                            | 2                                 | —                                                                          |
| Other .....                                                                                | 1                                 | —                                                                          |
| Nervous System :—                                                                          |                                   |                                                                            |
| Epilepsy .....                                                                             | 2                                 | —                                                                          |
| Other .....                                                                                | —                                 | —                                                                          |
| Other defects .....                                                                        | 9                                 | —                                                                          |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for defective vision<br>excluding squint ..... |                                   | 10                                                                         |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for all other con-<br>ditions .....            |                                   | 31                                                                         |
| Total number of individual pupils requiring treatment .....                                |                                   | 40                                                                         |

## COLLEGE SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOL

## Number examined:—

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Periodic Inspections ..... | 108 |
| Special Inspections .....  | —   |
| Re-inspections .....       | 50  |

## General Condition.

| A.        | B.          | C.        |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Good.     | Fair.       | Poor.     |
| 9(8.33%). | 90(83.33%). | 9(8.33%). |

## Defects.

| Defect or Disease.                                                                      | Periodic Insp        |                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                         | No. of defects.      |                                                              |
|                                                                                         | Requiring treatment. | Requiring to be kept under obs. but not requiring treatment. |
| Skin :—                                                                                 |                      |                                                              |
| Other .....                                                                             | 8                    | 8                                                            |
| Eyes :—                                                                                 |                      |                                                              |
| Vision .....                                                                            | 5                    | —                                                            |
| Squint .....                                                                            | 1                    | 1                                                            |
| Ears :—                                                                                 |                      |                                                              |
| Otitis Media .....                                                                      | 1                    | —                                                            |
| Nose & Throat :—                                                                        |                      |                                                              |
| Tonsils .....                                                                           | 8                    | 7                                                            |
| Speech .....                                                                            | 1                    | 1                                                            |
| Cervical Glands .....                                                                   | —                    | 5                                                            |
| Lungs .....                                                                             | —                    | 3                                                            |
| Orthopaedic :—                                                                          |                      |                                                              |
| Posture ....                                                                            | 4                    | —                                                            |
| Flat foot .....                                                                         | 3                    | —                                                            |
| Other .....                                                                             | 2                    | —                                                            |
| Psychological :—                                                                        |                      |                                                              |
| Developmental .....                                                                     | 4                    | —                                                            |
| Other defects .....                                                                     | —                    | —                                                            |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for defective vision excluding squint ..... |                      | 5                                                            |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment for all other conditions .....              |                      | 32                                                           |
| Total number of individual Pupils requiring treatment .....                             |                      | 37                                                           |

# STATISTICS OF MEDICAL INSPECTION IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

TABLE I

## A. The number of children examined in age groups:—

|                                                |      |
|------------------------------------------------|------|
| (1) Number of inspections—entrants .....       | 678  |
| "      "      "      —2nd age group .....      | 599  |
| "      "      "      —3rd age group .....      | 908  |
| <hr/>                                          |      |
| Total number examined .....                    | 2185 |
| (2) Number of other Periodic Inspections ..... | 82   |
| <hr/>                                          |      |
| Grand Total ...                                | 2267 |
| <hr/>                                          |      |

## B. Other Inspections.

|                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Number of Special Inspections ..... | 44   |
| Number of Re-inspections .....      | 2173 |
| <hr/>                               |      |
| Total ...                           | 2217 |
| <hr/>                               |      |

## C. Pupils found to require treatment.

|                            | For defective vision (exc. squint) | For any other condition. | Total Individual pupils. |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Entrants .....             | 42                                 | 253                      | 265                      |
| Second age group .....     | 67                                 | 149                      | 280                      |
| Third age group .....      | 114                                | 261                      | 387                      |
| <hr/>                      |                                    |                          |                          |
| Total (prescribed groups   | 223                                | 663                      | 932                      |
| Other Periodic inspections | —                                  | 73                       | 50                       |
| <hr/>                      |                                    |                          |                          |
| Grand total ...            | 223                                | 736                      | 982                      |
| <hr/>                      |                                    |                          |                          |

TABLE II

**A. Defects found by Medical Inspection, in the year ended 31st December, 1948.**

| Defect or Disease.        | Periodic Insp.       |                                                             | Special Insp.        |                                                              |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|                           | No. of defects.      |                                                             | No. of defects.      |                                                              |
|                           | Requiring treatment. | Requiring to be kept under obs. but not requiring treatment | Requiring treatment. | Requiring to be kept under obs. but not requiring treatment. |
| Skin .....                | 72                   | 28                                                          | 2                    | —                                                            |
| Eyes—                     |                      |                                                             |                      |                                                              |
| (a) Vision .....          | 187                  | 82                                                          | 6                    | —                                                            |
| (b) Squint .....          | 34                   | 28                                                          | 1                    | —                                                            |
| (c) Other .....           | 45                   | 43                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Ears—                     |                      |                                                             |                      |                                                              |
| (a) Hearing .....         | 5                    | 14                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| (b) Otitis Media          | 2                    | 4                                                           | —                    | —                                                            |
| (c) Other .....           | 6                    | 1                                                           | —                    | —                                                            |
| Nose or Throat .....      | 155                  | 133                                                         | 12                   | —                                                            |
| Speech .....              | 18                   | 15                                                          | 2                    | —                                                            |
| Cervical Glands .....     | 15                   | 56                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Heart and Circulation ... | 9                    | 16                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Lungs .....               | 16                   | 29                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Developmental—            |                      |                                                             |                      |                                                              |
| (a) Hernia .....          | 11                   | 5                                                           | —                    | —                                                            |
| (b) Other .....           | 14                   | 8                                                           | —                    | —                                                            |
| Orthopaedic—              |                      |                                                             |                      |                                                              |
| (a) Posture .....         | 77                   | 43                                                          | 2                    | —                                                            |
| (b) Flat foot ....        | 87                   | 14                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| (c) Other .....           | 76                   | 25                                                          | 1                    | —                                                            |
| Nervous System—           |                      |                                                             |                      |                                                              |
| (a) Epilepsy .....        | 3                    | —                                                           | —                    | —                                                            |
| (b) Other .....           | 4                    | 8                                                           | 1                    | —                                                            |
| Psychological—            |                      |                                                             |                      |                                                              |
| (a) Development           | 13                   | 19                                                          | 7                    | —                                                            |
| (b) Stability .....       | 6                    | 10                                                          | —                    | —                                                            |
| Other defects .....       | 108                  | 4                                                           | 1                    | —                                                            |

**B. Classification of the General Condition of Pupils inspected during the year in Age Groups.**

| Age Groups.                | Number of Pupils Inspected. | A<br>(Good) |       | B<br>(Fair) |        | C<br>(Poor) |       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------|-------------|--------|-------------|-------|
|                            |                             | No.         | %     | No.         | %      | No.         | %     |
| Entrants .....             | 678                         | 219         | 32.30 | 437         | 64.45  | 22          | 3.243 |
| 2nd Age Group              | 599                         | 85          | 14.19 | 476         | 79.46  | 38          | 6.34  |
| 3rd Age Group              | 908                         | 461         | 50.77 | 417         | 45.924 | 30          | 3.30  |
| Other Periodic Inspections | 82                          | 13          | 15.86 | 69          | 84.146 | —           | —     |
| Total ...                  | 2267                        | 778         | 34.32 | 1399        | 61.71  | 90          | 3.97  |

**TABLE III**

**TREATMENT TABLES**

(a) Number of Defects treated or under treatment during the year.

Skin :—

|                                                                                           |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Ringworm—Scalp .....                                                                      | —    |
| (1) X-Ray treatment .....                                                                 | —    |
| (2) Other treatment .....                                                                 | —    |
| Ringworm—Body .....                                                                       | 1    |
| Scabies .....                                                                             | 41   |
| Impetigo .....                                                                            | 123  |
| Other Skin diseases .....                                                                 | 703  |
| Eye Diseases, excluding errors of refraction, squint and cases admitted to hospital ..... | 195  |
| Ear Defects—non operative treatment .....                                                 | 185  |
| Miscellaneous—minor injuries, etc. ....                                                   | 1480 |
| Total ...                                                                                 | 2728 |

(b) Total number of attendances at minor ailments clinics (1st attendances—4042, and re-attendances—4704) ..... 8746

**GROUP II—DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT**

(Excluding Eye Disease treated as minor ailments).

|                                               |     |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Errors of Refraction (including squint) ..... | 298 |
| Other defect or disease of the eyes .....     | 7   |
| Total ...                                     | 305 |

Number of Pupils for whom spectacles were

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| (a) Prescribed ..... | 232 |
| (b) Obtained .....   | 232 |

### GROUP III

## TREATMENT OF DEFECTS OF NOSE AND THROAT

Received operative treatment—

|                                                |       |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|
| (a) for adenoids and chronic tonsilitis .....  | 224   |
| (b) for other nose and throat conditions ..... | 3     |
| Received other forms of treatment .....        | 134   |
|                                                | <hr/> |
| Total ...                                      | 361   |

## GROUP IV—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

|                                                                          |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| (a) Number treated as in-patients in hospitals or hospital schools ..... | 21  |
| (b) Number treated in clinics or out-patient department ...              | 110 |

## GROUP V

## CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT AND SPEECH THERAPY

Number of pupils treated—

|                                             |     |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|
| (a) Under Child Guidance arrangements ..... | 6   |
| (b) Under Speech Therapy arrangements ..... | 106 |

## TABLE IV

## DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT

|     |                                                                |      |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| (1) | Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers— |      |
|     | (a) Periodic age groups .....                                  | 2352 |
|     | (b) Specials .....                                             | 682  |
|     | (c) Total (Periodic and Specials) .....                        | 3034 |
| (2) | Number found to require treatment .....                        | 1364 |
| (3) | Number actually treated .....                                  | 1905 |
| (4) | Attendances made by pupils for treatment .....                 | 3927 |
| (5) | Half-days devoted to—                                          |      |
|     | (a) Inspection .....                                           | 23   |
|     | (b) Treatment .....                                            | 737  |
|     | Total (a) and (b) ...                                          | 760  |
| (6) | Fillings—                                                      |      |
|     | Permanent Teeth .....                                          | 1549 |
|     | Temporary Teeth .....                                          | 142  |
|     | Total ...                                                      | 1691 |
| (7) | Extractions—                                                   |      |
|     | Permanent Teeth .....                                          | 887  |
|     | Temporary Teeth .....                                          | 2642 |
|     | Total ...                                                      | 3529 |

|                                                               |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| (8) Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction ... | 1383  |
| (9) Other operations—                                         |       |
| (a) Permanent Teeth .....                                     | 1609  |
| (b) Temporary Teeth .....                                     | 37    |
|                                                               | <hr/> |
| Total (a) and (b) ..                                          | 1646  |
|                                                               | <hr/> |

**TABLE V**  
**INFESTATION WITH VERMIN**

|                                                                                                                      |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| (1) Total number of examinations in the schools by the school nurses or other authorised persons .....               | 14997 |
| (2) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested ...                                                       | 454   |
| (3) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2) Education Act, 1944) | 68    |
| (4) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3) Education Act, 1944)  | 4     |

### **REPORT OF THE ORGANISER OF PHYSICAL TRAINING ON THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN THE BOYS' SCHOOLS**

I am pleased to report some progress in all aspects of Physical Education during the year. In the departments where the facilities for the work are reasonably good, the standard of work which has now been reached compares favourably with the high level attained in the period immediately previous to the war. There is, however, an undesirable disparity of attainment in the schools where there is no indoor accommodation and where, in consequence, a comprehensive scheme of Physical Education can neither be planned nor practised.

It is particularly in the later years of school life that the need for adequate accommodation and equipment for Physical Education becomes so apparent. Boys in the 12—15 age range need the facilities which will allow the widest possible range of activities to be taught—gymnastics both developmental and corrective, vaulting and agility exercises, organised games, swimming, boxing and athletics. Only by providing the opportunity for the pupils to participate regularly in these activities can the aims of Physical Education be realised, and only then will the boys leave school interested and anxious to spend their leisure hours in healthful recreation.

The improvement in the supply and in the quality of equipment provided during the year did much to increase the choice of activities in the lessons in both Primary and Secondary Schools.

#### **Swimming.**

The results of the teaching have been most encouraging, despite the difficulties with which the teachers have to contend at the Public Baths and to which I have referred in previous reports. The increase in the school population makes the reservation of a swimming bath exclusively for school children during school hours now even more desirous.

During the year two very successful swimming galas were held. One, a contest between the two Secondary Modern Schools in the City and a Secondary Modern School from Runcorn, proved an outstanding success. The other, a competition designed to cater for the different age groups in both Primary and Secondary Schools, showed the remarkably good standard of swimming ability attained by the competitors. Much credit is due to the enthusiastic teachers who gave so unsparingly of their time to make the revival of this event possible.

In addition, Love Street Boys' School held a school gala and the College School combined with the Training College in a gala to decide the School individual and House Championships.

### **Organised Games.**

Towards the end of the year much needed playing pitches on the Roodee became available to certain schools. It is hoped that other schools will not long be prevented from using the Roodee site through lack of suitable changing accommodation. It is pleasing to report greater use of the group system by teachers in the training of boys in the fundamentals of the major national games. The corresponding improvement in both individual and team performances has been most marked.

The inter-school football competitions continue to provide much interest amongst the Boys' Schools and the results achieved by the City Schoolboys XI have been most praiseworthy. The work involved in the organisation of these out-of-school activities is very considerable and the teachers in the Football Section of the Schools' Sports Association deserve credit for their energy and enthusiasm.

### **Athletics.**

In the Secondary Modern Schools interest in Athletics is very high. During the summer term both Love Street and the College Schools held most successful Sports Days. Whilst Love Street School is handicapped through lack of a convenient playing field for the practice of athletics, the experiment of coaching the boys after school hours on the College field by selected students proved most encouraging. I look forward with interest to see what can be done with the 14—15 age group in this important branch of Physical Education.

### **Conclusion.**

In my last report I made reference to the changes which are imminent in the form and content of the lessons for Primary Schools. While the new suggestions have not yet been published by the Ministry of Education, I have been able to continue suitable experiments with the co-operation of the Head Teachers. I am confident that with the help and zeal of the teachers we can gradually and effectually introduce the new teaching technique in the Primary Schools.

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